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## SIMULTANEOUS AMENDMENT

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SIRS:

Simultaneously with filing of the above identified application please amend the same as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 3 line 1 delete "oder 2 [or 2]".

Claim 4 line 1 delete "einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3 [one of the claims 1 to 3]", substitute with "Anspruch 1 [claim 1]".

Claim 5 line 1 delete "einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4 [one of the claims 1 to 4]", substitute with "Anspruch 1 [claim 1]".

Claim 6 line 1 delete "einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 [one of the claims 1 to 5]", substitute with "Anspruch 1 [claim 1]".

Claim 7 line 1 delete "einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 [one of the claims 1 to 5]", substitute with "Anspruch 1 [claim 1]".

Claim 8 line 1 delete "einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 [one of the claims 1 to 5]", substitute with "Anspruch 1 [claim 1]".

Claim 9 line 1 delete "einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 8 [one of the claims 1 to 8]", substitute with "Anspruch 1 [claim 1]".

Claim 10 line 1 delete "einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 9 [one of the claims 1 to 9]", substitute with "Anspruch 1 [claim 1]".

## **REMARKS:**

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified application.

With the present Amendment applicant has amended the claims so as to eliminate their multiple dependency.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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